

REMARKS

In response to the Final Office Action dated February 10, 2005, the Applicants have amended Claim 25 to exclude "plant growth regulators." Accordingly, Claim 25 is expected to be allowable.

The rejection of claim 25 under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by JP'105 is respectfully traversed.

The Examiner has taken the position that the term "plant growth regulators" as pesticides. Accordingly, the Applicants have deleted the term "plant growth regulators" from Claim 25. Accordingly, Claim 25 is not in condition for allowance.

In view of the foregoing, the rejection of Claim 25, as amended, as being anticipated by JP'105 should be withdrawn.

The objection of Claims 26, 27, 29, 30 and 32 as being dependent on rejected Claim 25 is respectfully traversed.

As previously stated, Claim 25 has been amended to over come the rejection. Accordingly, the objection of Claims 26, 27, 29, 30 and 32 should now be withdrawn.

In view of the foregoing remarks, it is respectfully submitted that all of the Claims now pending are allowable over the art of record. Reconsideration of all claims now in this application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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